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SUBJECT: LIBYAN ALLEGATION OF US NAVAL VESSEL IN
DISPUTED WATERS
A. TRIPOLI 281, B. TUNIS 1402, C. COMSIXFLT 011312Z MAR 77
1. ALLEGATION BY LIBYAN MIN STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPORTED REF A IS FALSE. DOD REPORTS THAT NO REPEAT NO
U.S. NAVAL VESSELS HAVE OPERATED IN THE SEA AREA BOUNDED
BY LATITUDES 33 AND 35 NORTH AND LONGITUDES 11 DEGREES
40 MINUTES AND 13 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST SINCE CURRENT
FLAREUP ON FEBRUARY 17. IN PRINCIPLE, HOWEVER, USG
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RESERVES RIGHT TO EXERCISE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION, OVER-
FLIGHT AND OTHER REASONABLE USES OF HIGH SEAS IN ACCORDANCE
INTERNATIONAL LAW.

2. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO MIN
STATE TRAYKI AT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY: THERE ARE NO
REPEAT NO U.S. NAVAL VESSELS OPERATING IN THE DISPUTED

AREA. THE QUOTE LARGE TUNISIAN NAVAL SHIP UNQUOTE MENTIONED
BY THE MIN STATE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT AN AMERICAN SHIP.
UNITED STATES NAVAL VESSELS AT SEA ALWAYS FLY THE FLAG OF
THE UNITED STATES AND NEVER FLY THE FLAG OF ANOTHER NATION
UNLESS ENGAGED IN OFFICIAL CEREMONIAL EXCHANGES IN

ACCORDANCE INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM. USG HAS TAKEN NO REPEAT
NO POSITION ON THE LEGAL MERITS OF THE DISPUTE BETWEEN
LIBYA AND TUNISIA OVER THE DELINEATION OF CONTINENTAL
SHELF BOUNDARIES. WE ARE, HOWEVER, PLEASED TO HEAR THAT
LARG INTENDS TO SETTLE DISPUTE AMICABLY THROUGH WORLD
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